The North Carolina Experience

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Which category does North Carolina fall into?
What is the meaning of:

- **Marathon (Established)** is defined as a long distance race.

- **Run (Intermediate)** is defined as moving at a speed faster than a walk – never having both feet on the ground at the same time.

- **Walk (New)** is defined as moving at a regular and fairly slow pace by lifting and setting down each foot in turn.
Just a little background information...
April 2008 - NC General Assembly convenes the Joint Study Committee on Hospital Infection Control and Disclosure.

Senator William Purcell, Co-Chair
Representative Martha Alexander, Co-Chair
January 2009 - Legislative Study Committee made the following recommendation to NC General Assembly:
“Implement a mandatory, State-operated, Statewide hospital acquired infection surveillance and reporting system... operating within the DHHS, Division of Public Health”
NC House Bill 296/Senate Bill 300 were introduced with strong support but the state’s fiscal reality meant funding was not available in this 2009 session.
NC Legislators drafted a Special Provision when the availability of ARRA “stimulus” funds were announced for HAI activities.
Special Provision:

NC DHHS to apply for federal funds “to implement a mandatory, statewide hospital-acquired infections surveillance and reporting system as recommended by the Joint Study Committee on Hospital Infection Control and Disclosure.”
“Purpose of Project”

…create new state level competencies and tools that will persist after the Recovery Act and leave behind a sustainable infrastructure for reporting on long-term progress toward meeting the US HHS HAI prevention targets…
HAI Project’s Three Focus Areas

- Infrastructure – North Carolina Division of Public Health is lead
- Prevention – North Carolina Hospital Foundation’s Center for Hospital Quality and Patient Safety is lead
- Surveillance – Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (SPICE) is lead
Actions Completed or in Progress

- HAI Advisory Group formed
- State HAI Plan written and approved by the HAI Advisory Group
- Adoption of National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) as the platform for HAI reporting
- Voluntary reporting program
- Surveillance Data Validation
- Prevention Collaboratives
Voluntary reporting program
- 1 November 2010 – 31 December 2011
- Legal protection under a contractual data use agreement
- 69 of 126 participating acute care facilities (as of August 2011)

Mandatory reporting program
- Reporting will begin January 1, 2012
- Legal mandate: NCGS 130A-150 (HB 809)
- All in-patient acute care hospitals must participate
HB 809 unanimously passed both the Senate and House and was signed into law by Gov. Purdue on 27 June 2011
North Carolina General Statute 130A-150

Key Points

- Statewide surveillance of HAI by December 31, 2011
- Hospitals shall report HAI to NHSN and allow NC DHHS access to these data
- The department shall disclose reports on HAI to the public
Proposed Rules

- Hospitals shall report HAIs to the Department using the NHSN within 30 days following the end of each month.
- Hospitals shall report HAIs following requirements of CMS listed in the IPPS rules beginning with CLABSI, CAUTI and select SSIs.
- The Department shall publically disclose HAI information beginning October 2012 and quarterly thereafter.
- The department will encourage facilities to implement electronic surveillance systems.
Future Plans for Public Disclosure in North Carolina

- Quarterly reports beginning October 2012
- NC DHHS website
- Reports include aggregate and facility-specific information
- A 30 day window will be provided to facilities before the release of each report to view, edit and comment on their data
The North Carolina HAI Prevention Program began a voluntary surveillance in November 2010

NCGS 130A-150 will mandate the reporting of HAI beginning January 1, 2012

North Carolina will align reporting recommendations with CMS to mitigate the reporting burden on hospitals

Public disclosure of HAI will begin October 2012
North Carolina has been in a:

- Marathon
- Run
- Walk
- Crawl
Special Thanks

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